Statement-II

Status of Ongoing Projects of Rajasthan Under AIBP

Rs. in crore

Sl No	Name of the Project	Estimated cost approved by Planning Commission		Latest estimated cost & year	Target year of completion	CA released 2006-07 & 2007-08	Cumulative CA released till date
1.	Narmada Canal		467.53 (1996)	1541.36 (2005-06)	2009-10	102.29	625.3350
2	Modernization of Gang Canal		445.79 (2000)	445.79 (2000)	2008-09	8.44	197.863
3.	Indira Gandhi Nehar Project	89.12 (1972)	2624.00 (1998)	3522.00 (2006)	2011-12	NIL	582.7207

Ethno-Graphic Studies on tribals by Anthropological Survey of India

471. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any system or process by which constant and regular monitoring of tribals' progress is done through ethnographic studies under the aegis of the Anthropological Survey of India;

(b) if so, the prevalent system in this regard;

(c) what degree of credibility does the ethno-graphic studies done by ASI enjoy;

(d) whether it is a fact that sufficient studies are not done on social status of tribals; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to conduct frequent monitoring of all aspects of life of tribals?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (e) The Anthropoligical Survey of Indie conducts regular ethno-graphic studies which help to monitor the progress of tribals. The ethno-graphic studies remain the Central approach of scientific investigation in the Survey. During Eleventh Plan the Anthropological Survey of India proposes to study the indigenous knowledge systems of tribes, Man and Envinronment issues under the programme 'People of India and Cultural Diversity'.

The research findings of the Anthropological Survey of India have considerable credibility and recognition. The Scientists of Anthropological Survey of India are associated with Planning Commission bodies, Inter-State Council Secretariat, Jarwa Tribe related development concerns and Forest Departments in respective Bio-sphere Zones of India. The publications brought out by the Survey have been widely reviewed and acknolwedged for their ethnographic worthiness.

Sufficient studies are done by Anthropological Survey of India on the social status of tribes of India. Around 100 books and 250 research papers have been published by the Scientists of the Survey on the subject.

In the Eleventh Plan, the Survey has proposed intervention as a strategy, instead of simple documentation of culture of tribals. In this respect the project on 'Man in Biosphere' is a pointer. While implementing the project, Survey has also initiated dialogue with conservator of forests and community leaders, so as to exchange field data based on intensive enthnographic studies of core villages in the biospheres.

Schemes for development of Dwarka city

†*472. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dwarka city discovered by archaeologists at the sea shore of Gujarat in 1994 is getting destroyed due to sea waves and tides;

(b) if so, the efforts made by Department of Archaeology for its maintenance; and

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme to develop this site as a submerged tourist spot?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) There were claims of discovery of a submerged city of Dwarka. National Institute of Oceanography had been conducting marine archaeological explorations in this area since 1983. Their findings include objects such as stone structures, scattered stone blocks, and stone anchors, which are datable to medieval period.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.